(c) whether Government would ensure that governance structure of universities shall be tuned towards ensuring autonomy over all matters; and

(d) if so, other main proposals being considered and by when they are likely to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A concept note on the proposed Innovation Universities aiming at world class standards had been circulated and comments have been received. The concept note is being finalized.

Development funding for universities

3323. PROF.ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has decided to address the crucial issues of development funding for universities by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether State Governments have agreed for development funding to universities;

(c) whether the universities which are facing resource crunch and other hurdles in providing access to the higher education would be guided by innovative ways to streamline the system; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Government/UGC will provide help to universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), UGC provides development grants to various eligible institutions declared fit to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act. The Eleventh Plan envisages schemes to incentivize State Governments to increase public investments in higher education by providing Central Government assistance to supplement State Government's investment. These include incentivizing State Governments for establishment of new universities, support to universities and colleges that have not been declared fit to receive grant, additional support to universities and colleges declared fit to receive grants and establishment of degree colleges in 374 identified educationally backward districts.

Shortage of faculty in universities

3324. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any task force to come with a solution to deal with acute shortage of quality faculty in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and